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# Race with the sun

IT'S full speed ahead as local and international teams make vigorous preparations for the upcoming international solar car race in Cyprus. The Cyprus Institute together with the Research Promotion Foundation are organising Cyprus's first Solar Car Challenge. The competition challenges teams to design, build, manage and race solar-powered vehicles.

The first race of its kind to be held in Cyprus, will take place on Saturday June 19, 2010 at the Daytona race track in Tseri. The competition encourages local and international teams to participate. The initiative intends to promote environmentally friendly renewable energy, electric vehicle technology and foster educational and engineering excellence. The cars will be custom designed so-

lar vehicles.

International attendance includes the Swiss team, Swisspirit. The team has a long history in the Australian World Solar Challenge (WSC), they have twice won the Challenge with the Spirit of Biel and have broken nine world records. The CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research) solar team will also participate, exhibiting their 20-year old vehicle, illustrating how far technology has progressed.

From the moment these unusual vehicles pull away from the starting point, this solar car event will have drama and intrigue all on its own.

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